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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

ACCESS-CONTROLLING MECHANISM AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

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Certified Copy of Japanese Application No. 2003-035307, dated February 13, 2003

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